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Washington, D.C.- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced the release of \$851 million in federal stimulus funds to address the facility and equipment needs of Community Health Centers in order to increase access to health care services for underserved populations. Nearly \$17 million was provided for twenty health centers in New Jersey, including five in the 13th District. The money was made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The funding is part of the ARRA's Capitol Improvement Program (CIP) grants to support the construction, repair and renovation of over 1,500 health center sites nationwide. The recipients will also use the funds to purchase new equipment, such as health information technology systems. The specific centers and allotment in the 13th District include: \$682,390 for the Horizon Health Center in Jersey City; \$727,645 for the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center in Perth Amboy; \$630,345 for the Metropolitan Family Health Network, Inc. in Jersey City; \$341,595 for the Newark City Health and Human Services in Newark; and \$2,391,440 for the North Hudson Community Action Corporation in West New York.

"I am pleased that HHS has granted the necessary funding to facilitate the expansion of these five health centers so they may continue delivering preventive and primary care services to the most vulnerable New Jerseyans," stated Congressman Sires.

The CIP grant awards are the third set of health center grants provided through the Recovery Act. All five centers were also awarded money in March through Increased Demand for Services grants, used to help to provide care for the increase in patients seen at Community Health Centers.

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